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APPLICANT: CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL BYRNE

TITLE: SUPER KENO

Prior Application:

SERIAL NO.: 10/178,415

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**EXAMINER:** 

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 10/178,415, filed June 24, 2002, entitled "SUPER KENO," by the following named inventor:

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail - Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Hon. Commission r for Patents, United States Pat nt and Trademark Offic, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Edwin D. Schindler, Reg. No. 31,459

October 17, 2003

Date

22389 U.S. PTO 10/688509 No abandonment of, or t rmination of, proceedings has occurred in the above-identified prior application. The parent case remains pending and is <u>not</u> being abandoned.

- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2. Applicant hereby requests that an interference be declared between the claims now being entered by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment and the corresponding claims recited in Tracy et al., U.S. patent application No. 10/165,227, filed June 7, 2002, and published on October 17, 2002, under Publication No. US 2002/0151342 A1 (copy of the PTO website print-out enclosed), with the real-party interest appearing to be Anchor Gaming, of Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 3. The filing fee for the instant continuation application is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application, as amended by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment. The continuation application contains:

Total Claims: 24 (numbered as Claims 16-39)

Independent Claims: 2 (i.e., Claims 16 and 26)

4. The undersigned hereby confirms that the Applicant remains entitled to claim Small Entity status for the present continuation application. An appropriate Small Entity Statements was executed by Applicant and filed in the great-great-grandparent application on March 6, 1996.

- 5. The undersigned h reby states that the Applicant's U.S. licensee, BET Technology, Inc., of Gardnerville, Nevada, is also entitled to claim Small Entity status.
- 6. A check in the amount of \$421.00 is enclosed to cover the basic filing fee for the present continuation application.
- 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any fees not herein provided for. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for billing purposes.
- 8. Please amend the Specification by inserting beneath the Title of the Invention, at Page 1, the following Cross-Reference to Applicant's prior application:
- --This is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/178,415, filed June 24, 2002, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/691,758, filed October 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,425,823, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/950,858, filed October 15, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,862, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/617,807, filed March 6, 1996, which represents the U.S. National Phase application of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/AU94/00503, filed August 29, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,063.--
  - 9. The great-grandparent application is a U.S.

National Phase application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of P.C.T. application No. PCT/AU94/00503, filed Monday, August 29, 1994.

- 10. Priority has been claimed in the great-great-grand-parent, great-grandparent, grandparent and parent applications, and is claimed for this continuation application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119, on the basis of Applicant's Australia patent application, Application No. PM 0847/93, filed August 27, 1993.
- 11. The power-of-attorney in the prior application is to:

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The power-of-attorney in the present application, and all future correspondence, are requested to be addressed to:

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12. A true copy of the prior application, i.e., Serial No. 10/178,415, filed June 24, 2000, is <u>identical</u> to the great-great-grandparent application, i.e., Serial No. 08/617,807, filed March 6, 1996, the latter of which is enclosed, as r presenting by a true copy of P.C.T. pat nt

application number PCT/AU94/00503, filed Monday, August 29, 1994, and of the parent application for this continuation application.

A copy of the executed Declaration in the great-great-grandparent application, filed March 6, 1996, is also included herewith for use in the present application.

A copy of the Small Entity Statement (Independent Inventor) in the great-grandparent application, filed March 6, 1996, is also included herewith for use in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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